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hardt, a child of misfortune, whom fate led to the desert edge and whose literary genius revealed the enchantment of the African desert as no other pen has ever done.

The Gateway to the Sahara. Adventures and Observations in Tripoli. By Charles W. Furlong. Enlarged edit. xxx and 363 pp. Maps, ills., index. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1914. \$2.50. 8½ x 6.

The book begins with a brief sketch of Tripolitania from the earliest times to the present. Next comes a description of modern Tripoli and of the customs and industries of the people; a view of the inhabitants of the oases and tablelands of Tripolitania; an account of the Greek sponge divers off the Tripoli coast; a description of the esparto industry, esparto being a grass from which paper is made; the story of the burning of the U. S. Frigate *Philadelphia* in 1804, and of the author's discovery in 1904 of the wreck of this vessel below the waters of Tripoli harbor; a narration of some of the author's adventures during a trip with Arabs over 200 miles of the Sahara, including a night's ride with Arab bandits; and a description of the camel and of the caravans of the Sahara, of the routes they traverse and of the desert itself. A concise history of the Turko-Italian War, its causes and results, is given. The author ventures some interesting predictions concerning the future of the country.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

From the Congo to the Niger and the Nile. An Account of the German Central African Expedition of 1910-1911. By Adolf Friedrich, Duke of Mecklenburg. Vol. 1: xvi and 241 pp. Vol. 2: xi and 285 pp. Maps, ills., index. The John Winston Co., Philadelphia, 1914. \$9. 9½ x 6½.

This English translation of the record of the Duke of Mecklenburg's second great expedition in tropical Africa is most heartily to be welcomed. To make scientific studies in large regions the expert staff was assigned in small detachments to various districts of tropical west and central Africa. Captain von Wiese und Kaiserswaldau passed through the region from the Mobangi River to Lake Chad and, in the three chapters in which he records this journey, adds new information to that reported by earlier French explorers. The Duke of Mecklenburg deals in three chapters with Lake Chad, Bagirmi and the journey to Garui via Lai. He found the Chad islanders by no means dangerous savages, as they have been described, and says many islands have never been visited by a European and that all the available maps are very unsatisfactory. Ernest M. Heims describes his journey from Lake Chad to the Niger, on which he was accompanied by several other members of the party. Captain von Wiese und Kaiserswaldau also contributes Chapters 10-13 on the sultanates of Bangassu and Rafai, Semio's country and the Bahr el Ghazal. The most important chapters on the whole are in the second volume: Dr. H. Schubotz's account of his journey from Fort Archambault to the Nile (Chapters 14-18), passing through the country of the Mangbettu cannibals, made famous by Schweinfurth and Junker; and the German Congo and South Kamerun (Chapters 19-26) described by Dr. Arnold Schultze, much of this region being practically a virgin field for explorers. For many other important details of this very valuable work the reader is referred to the review of the German edition (*Bull.*, Vol. 46, 1914, No. 2, pp. 140-141).

Quer durch Uganda. Eine Forschungsreise in Zentralafrika 1911/12. Von Rudolf Kmunke. xii and 186 pp. Maps, ills. D. Reimer (E. Vohsen), Berlin, 1913.

This book describes the exploration of a hitherto unknown part of north-eastern Uganda between Mt. Elgon and Gondokoro on the Nile, to which point the river steamers from Khartum ascend. Mr. Kmunke's purpose was to bring to light one of the still unknown areas. From Nairobi he had intended to go north as far as Lake Rudolf, adding to the work of Teleki and others. He found, however, that development work was in progress along the proposed route and that the government of British East Africa is sending monthly mails from Nairobi to Lake Rudolf. He therefore went on to Entebbe, the port of Uganda